



METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

COUNCIL SUMMONS

To Members of the Metropolitan Borough Council

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council to

be held on **Thursday 1st March, 2012 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** to

transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Southport

22 February 2012

Please contact Steve Pearce, Head of Committee and Member Services
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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are requested to give notice of any personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

(Pages 7 - 20)

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2012

4. Mayor's Communications

Public Session

5. Matters Raised by the Public

To deal with matters raised by members of the public within the Borough, in accordance with the procedures relating to Petitions, Public Questions and Motions set out in Rule 11 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

Council Business Session

6. Questions Raised by Members of the Council

To receive and consider questions to Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Spokespersons for any of the Joint Authorities upon any matter within their portfolio/area of responsibility, of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

7. Localism Act 2011 - Pay Policy

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Report of the Director of Corporate Support Services

8. Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2012/13

(Pages 41 -
72)

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

9. The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities - Prudential Indicators 2012/13

(Pages 73 -
84)

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

10. Capital Programme 2011/12 and Capital Allocations 2012/13

(Pages 85 -
104)

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

11. Council Tax for 2012/13

a) **Local Government Act 2003 - Chief Financial Officer's Requirements**

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT to follow

b) **Statements by Party Group Leaders**

To receive statements by the three Party Group Leaders on the Revenue Budget for 2012/13

c) **Revenue Budget 2012/13**

Joint report of the Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Finance and ICT to follow

d) **Council Tax Recommendation 2012/13**

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT to follow

A copy of the draft Budget Resolution will be circulated at the Council Meeting

12. Membership of Committees 2011/12

To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.

13. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Byrom

The Council at its meeting held on 16 February 2012 considered the Motion submitted by Councillor Byrom, which is set out below and resolved that it be deferred for further consideration at the next Council meeting on 1 March 2012, by which time the outcome of the visit by representatives of the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to Government Ministers would be known, together with the details of their precept for 2012/13.

Details of the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority precept for 2012/13 are set out in the report for agenda item 11 (d) above.

The Council is requested to give further consideration to the following Motion:

“This authority supports the Metropolitan Fire Authorities Joint response to the Governments Resource Review.

It notes that 62% of cuts in the English Fire Service, outside London, have fallen on the six Metropolitan brigades alone.

The number of frontline staff has been reduced by 458, nearly 6% of the establishment.

The six Chief Fire Officers have given a professional opinion that the scale of cuts now planned will severely affect frontline services and may result in the number of fire-fighters being “massively reduced, some by compulsory redundancy” Fire appliance numbers will be cut and fire stations closed.

It is their professional view that the scale of cuts envisaged would “leave the main regional cities of this country with radically low levels of fire and rescue cover and significantly less ability to manage or assist at a major incident involving terrorism or flooding”

The Metropolitan Brigades, including Merseyside, have had the biggest revenue support grant cut. Of the total RSG reductions planned between 2005/06 and 2012/13 of £75.9m - £62m has been in the Mets - 82% of all cuts.

In order to protect the life and property of the community of Sefton, the scale of these damaging cuts must be reversed and the strong message from the six Metropolitan Fire Chiefs given credence.

This authority resolves to write to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Fire and Rescue Service, all of Sefton’s MP’s and the Prime Minister voicing our strong support for the joint Metropolitan Fire Services campaign.”